

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" (smear piece) days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line, or what reflects their personal political views, and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair is violating federal election law, and their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.